Therefore, in the light of these new factors, and circumstances, I do not propose to press my amendment. I may be allowed to withdraw.

The amendment was by leave, withdrawn.

Resolution put and carried unanimously.

LEGEISLATIVE BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Cochin Companies Bill

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Sir, I beg to move that the Cochin Companies Bill may be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I second it.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Sir, this Indian Companies Act, the latest Act, is a very well considered Act, and I must congratulate the Government for bringing our Company Law in Cochin in line with that prevailing in British India. Having something to do with companies for a long time, I wish to draw the attention of the Government particularly to the working and watching of the Companies Act in Cochin. I make bold to say that most of our Registrars of Joint Stock Companies are not efficiently supervising *i. e.*, the supervision of these Registrars is not effective enough to see that the rules of the Companies Act are observed by all Companies working inside the Cochin State. Even sometimes we get legal men falling into pits in the working of the Companies Act and in the administration of it. Under such circumstances this new Act has been brought into force and I pray the Government will take it in hand to see that the purposes of the Act and the benefits of it are ensured to all the Companies inside the State. That is my submission.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I can assure the Hon'ble Member that the Government will watch the work of the Assistant Registrars and there is also the Head of the Department to supervise the work of the Assistant Registrars.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* As the Act is not well read and well understood by the people who work the Act in regard to Companies there must be somebody to give them instructions and directions. At present we have only part-time officers who have also got other work in the Registration Department. Therefore what I suggest is there may be a full time officer to look after these Companies. We have a large number of Companies—the list was published in one of the Gazettes the other day. I think there is sufficient work for a Registrar to go about and advise these people, instead of allowing them to commit mistakes and then going to Court. What I say is we want to have effective supervision and help by Government to the Companies and more Companies will be coming in during the industrialization of the country and then we want proper officers to work up the provisions of this Bill.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* The observations have been noted.

Motion put and carried

The Cochin Payment of Wages Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I beg to move that the Cochin Payment of Wages Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

The Cochin Cattle Trespass Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishakar):* I move that the Cochin Cattle Trespass Act Amendment Bill be read in Council.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I second it.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I oppose the motion.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The amendment is intended simply to bring the law in conformity with the practice. The original Cattle Trespass Act was passed in 1071. The Revenue Department was also administering Criminal Justice then. Therefore the words "Magistrates" and "District Magistrate" in some cases were put in some of the sections which related to the administration of the cattle pounds instead of the "Tahsildar" and "Diwan Peishkar". The functions are now being exercised hy two different Departments, so that the word "Magistrate" has to be removed from those sections so far as the administration of the Cattle pounds are concerned, and the word "Tahsildar" has to be substituted. So also words "District Magistrate" occurring in certain sections have to be replaced, by the words "Diwan Peishkar". As a matter of fact though the functions were afterwards given to two different

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